REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

June 22, 2004

FROM: DAVID H. SLAUGHTER, Director

Real Estate Services Department

PATRICK J. MEAD, Interim Director

Department of Public Works – Transportation

SUBJECT: APPRAISAL AND ACQUISITION OF ROAD EASEMENTS - ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR

AREA

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve Appraisal 04-17 dated May 7, 2004, copies of which are on file with Real Estate Services Department (RESD).

2. Authorize RESD to acquire the necessary rights-of-way from three parcels located along the north side of Howard Street between Benson Avenue and Bel Air Avenue in the Ontario-Montclair area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Howard Street is an east-west residential collector street in the unincorporated area of the County that connects the cities of Montclair and Ontario. The Mission Elementary School is situated on the south side of Howard Street between Benson Avenue and Vernon Avenue. Sidewalks and curbs, which facilitate student pedestrian traffic from Mission Elementary School, are in place along Howard Street except for a distance of approximately 420 feet along the boundaries of the three subject properties. The project is designed to extend the existing sidewalks, curb and gutter along the frontage of these three parcels, which will provide improved pedestrian safety along this busy street.

The Department of Public Works—Transportation Division (PW-T) requested RESD complete an appraisal and make offers to acquire permanent easements from the three parcels listed below, which are located along the north side of Howard Street between Benson Avenue and Bel Air Avenue in the Ontario-Montclair area. The necessary rights-of-way to be acquired as easements are as follows:

Parcel no. E-1	Property owner Buddhist Temple of America	Assessor's Parcel No. 1011-441-07	Easement Acquisition (sq. ft.) 1,950
E-2	Crawford & Upshaw	1011-441-06	1,720
E-3	Wiersma	1011-41-05	1,820

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles S. Scolastico, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5481) on June 2, 2004; PW-T (Richard Bronstrup, Transportation Design Division Chief, 387-7939) on June 7, 2004; and the County Administrative Office [Daniel R. Kopp (387-3828) and Tom Forster (387-4635), Administrative Analysts] on June 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The total cost for the three permanent street easements is \$48,500. The total project cost is estimated at \$160,000 and will be financed by the Gas Tax Fund, which is included in 2004-05 Transportation budget (SAA TRA). Upon completion of the project, the Gas Tax Fund will be reimbursed with Community Development Block Grant funds.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item, concurs with the department's and RESD's recommendation, and recommends this action based on the need to increase pedestrian safety along Howard Street between Benson Avenue and Vernon Avenue in the Ontario-Montclair area.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Fourth

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